

“While a powerful goal of DonorsChoose is to help students gain the resources they need to learn, another key goal is to empower citizens to have a positive, immediate and tangible impact on our public schools,” said Michael Brader-Araje, chair of the DonorsChoose N.C. board. Brader-Araje led the effort to bring the program to North Carolina and also serves on the DonorsChoose National Board of Directors.

The Michael and Laura Brader-Araje Foundation has contributed \$100,000 to help fund the North Carolina expansion and a number of other donors are also paving the way for DonorsChoose NC. Wachovia Corp., Progress Energy, RBC Centura, Kellogg Foundation and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation collectively have donated more than \$200,000.

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